

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 - 49 have been Canceled herein and New Claims 50 - 66 are pending in the present Divisional Application.

Claims 1 through 49 have been Canceled in this Preliminary Amendment because those claims have been allowed in a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed on 03 November 2003 in the Parent Application S/N: **09/691,646**.

Accordingly, **Claims 50 - 66** are active in the present Divisional Application.

B. The Present Amendment

i. Amendments to the Specification

The **TITLE** of the Specification was amended to more accurately describe the subject matter of **Claims 50 - 66**. That is, to a media **20** with a plurality of alignment transitions **33** that are prerecorded on the media **20** in alignment bands **35**.

Support therefore can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIGS. 4 through 8b**, **FIGS. 11a through 12**, and **FIGS. 18a and 18b** of the Drawings. Additional support can be found in the Specification on Page 12, lines 27

through 33, Page 13, lines 1 through 33, and Page 23, lines 10 through 13. No New Matter was introduced in amending the **TITLE** of the Specification.

ii. Amendments to the Claims

New Claims 50 through 66 were added to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicant regards as her invention. Support for independent **Claim 50** and all claims that depend from independent **Claim 50** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. No New Matter was introduced in adding the New Claims.

Support for independent **Claim 50** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIGS. 4 through 8b, FIGS. 11a through 12, and FIGS. 18a and 18b** of the Drawings, and Page 12, lines 7 through 33, Page 13, lines 1 through 33, Page 14, lines 6 through 33, Page 23, lines 10 through 13, and Page 25, lines 4 through 20 of the Detailed Description.

Support for dependent **Claim 51** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, Page 18, lines 20 through 33 of the Detailed Description, and **FIGS. 4, 7b, 8b, 11b, 12, and 18a** of the Drawings.

Support for dependent **Claims 52 - 53** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIG. 4, FIGS. 7a through 8b, FIG. 12, FIGS. 18a through 18b** of the Drawings, Page 11, lines 20 through 33, and Page 13, lines 5 through 33 of the Detailed Description.

Support for dependent **Claims 54 - 55** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIG. 4**, **FIGS. 7a through 8b**, **FIGS. 11a and 11b**, **FIG. 12**, and **FIGS. 18a and 18b** of the Drawings, and Page 15, lines 12 through 28 of the Detailed Description.

Support for dependent **Claims 56 - 58** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIG. 4** and **FIGS. 7a through 8b** of the Drawings and Page 13, lines 25 through 33 of the Detailed Description.

Support for dependent **Claims 59 - 60**, dependent **Claims 62 - 63**, and dependent **Claims 64 - 66** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIG. 4** of the Drawings and Page 13, lines 1 through 33 of the Detailed Description.

Support for dependent **Claim 61** can be found in the Specification as originally filed. For example, **FIGS. 18a and 18b** of the Drawings, Page 22, lines 32 through 33, Page 23, lines 1 through 20, Page 25, lines 4 through 33, and Page 26, lines 1 through 21 of the Detailed Description.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant considers each of the claims presently in this Divisional Application to be distinct over the prior art of record and therefore in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance such that the present application may timely issue as a U.S. patent.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEES DUE TO HP PTO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Any fees due are Authorized to be charged to the HP PTO Deposit Account Number: **08-2025**.

Respectfully submitted,

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